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To NFIB Reps on SNIE 11/37-2-85

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Subject: SNIE on Afghanistan, Changed Plan

We've decided to go with a slightly beefed up version of the key judgments of this estimate as the SNIE. We shall use the main body of the report you have already seen as the analytic base for coordinating the short SNIE, and proceed to coordinate the main paper for issuance as an IIM.

This approach will a) speed the process b) put a very short paper with all the bottom lines before consumers, while c) also producing a very good assessment of the current state and near-future outlook of the war.

When we meet on Monday 18 March 0900, 5600 CIA Headquarters, we shall quickly review the main text of the last draft for major substantive concerns, and on that basis coordinate the new text of the Key Judgments (attached) as the SNIE. We'll reconvene to do the main paper as an IIM about a week later.